STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER: Freeman Courier		2. DATE OF FILING: 10/3/00
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE: Weekly	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY: 52	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE: 34.00
4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers): PO Box 950, Freeman SD 57029-0950		
5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printer): PO Box 950, Freeman SD 57029-0950		
6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: Timothy Lee Walther		
7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given. FULL NAME: Timothy Lee Walther COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 950, Freeman SD 57029		
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9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION (See instructions on reverse side)	AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUE D PRECEDING 12 MONTHS	ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUE NEAREST TO FILING DATE
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)	1992	1975
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales	149	151
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)	1805	1796
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 10B1 and 10B2)	1954	1947
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS	10	10
SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY, AND OTHER FREE COPIES	17	16
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C and D)	1971	1963
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing	21	12
2. Return from News Agents	0 ~~[illegible]~~	0 ~~[illegible]~~
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and 2 – should equal net press run shown in A)	1992	1975

I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER: L L Walther

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Sworn to before me this 5th day of October, 2000

Linda Wiese

Notary Public

My commission expires Oct. 9, 2000

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